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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, WHO, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND WHO

REF: STATE 103346

1. DURING CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON MAY 7 TO DISCUSS WHO, ILO, AND UNESCO MATTERS, ISRAELI MINISTER SHALEV SAID THAT AT WHA MEETING ISRAEL EXPECTS THAT THERE WILL BE AN EFFORT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL AND AN ATTEMPT TO USE WHO TO INTERVENE IN HEALTH SERVICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE SUSPENSION ISSUE IS IMPORTANT ON ITS OWN MERITS AND BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS IT WOULD HAVE ON OTHER UN AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY ILO.

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2. SHALEV REITERATED ISRAELI POSITION OF NOT OPPOSING

HAVING A TEAM OF HEALTH EXPERTS VISIT AND REPORT ON HEALTH PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IF MEMBERS COME FROM STATES WITH WHOM ISRAEL HAS RELATIONS. HE SAID HE HOPED FOR US SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER.

3. ON SUSPENSION ISSUE, SHALEV FELT IT WAS SAFE TO ASSUME THAT EFFORT WILL BE MADE AGAINST ISRAEL AND STRESSED THAT PREVENTION OF A PROPOSAL BEING MADE WOULD BE BEST COURSE.

4. ATHERTON ASSURED SHALEV THAT US AND ISRAEL WERE WORKING IN SAME DIRECTION ON THESE MATTERS IN WHO AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH HERE AND IN GENEVA.

5. COMMENT: AS YOU ALREADY KNOW US STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAELI VOTING RIGHTS IN WHA OR SERVICES OF WHO TO ISRAEL.

6. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE WHICH WOULD CONFIRM OR DENY ISRAELI CONTENTION THAT MOVE TO INVOKE MEASURES UNDER ARTICLE 7 AGAINST THEM WILL BE MADE AT WHA. SINCE WE HAD NO REPLY TO STATE 103346 IN WHICH DEPT STATED THAT IT UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS NO CONCRETE INFORMATION ON ANTI-ISRAELI MOVES, WE HAVE ASSUMED THIS SITUATION STILL EXISTS, AND WE IN TURN HAVE NO INFO WHICH WOULD CONFIRM ISRAELI CLAIM.

7. IN THIS REGARD, INFORMATION ON WHAT ISRAELI MISSION IS DOING (TO PREVENT SUCH RESOLUTIONS OR OTHERWISE) WILL ALSO BE HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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